

E-mail notice sent to all Hospital Data Reporting Contacts on June 8, 2006

Subject: Hospital Discharge Data - Code Updates

Good morning,

As you are all aware, the 2006 data specifications were posted on the Department website in June of 2005 to provide hospitals and vendors with adequate time to make any necessary changes. However, in the interest of promoting conformity with UB billing, it has come to our attention that it is necessary to update particular codes in order to be consistent with recently released Specifications from CMS (Medicare).

For 2006-01 data reporting (January through June 2006), please note the following code updates:

Discharge Status 66 = *Discharged/transferred to a Critical Access Hospital (CAH)* will be **added** as a valid code by ADHS. This code was implemented by CMS effective January 1, 2006.

Discharge Status 08 = *Discharged/transferred to home under care of a Home IV drug therapy provider* will not be accepted by ADHS. This code was **discontinued** by CMS effective October 1, 2005.

On October 6, 2005, the Department of Health Services began to officially designate qualifying hospitals as trauma centers, thus permitting the use of the following code:

For Type of Admission 5= observation, this is now **revised** to 5 = *Trauma. Visit to a trauma center/hospital as licensed or designated by the state or local government authority authorized to do so, or as verified by the American College of Surgeons, and involving a trauma activation.*

These updates are intended to reduce conflict between UB billing and state reporting requirements. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.